

# FFA NEWS 2012-2013

## 2012-2013 Chapter Officers



Chillicothe 2012-2013 Chapter Officers, front, from left: Quinten Lewis - 2nd Vice President; Bridgett Kieffer, 1st Vice President; Paige Peters - 2nd Vice President; Faith Peters - 2nd Vice President; Alicia Kieffer - 2nd Vice President; Elizabeth Warren - 2nd Vice President, Lizzie McCoy - 2nd Vice President. Back, from left: Cyrsten Lollar - Secretary; Blake Rasmussen - 2nd Vice President; Tanner Jones - 2nd Vice President; Jordan Huddleston - President; Brandon Bothwell - 2nd Vice President; and Madi Condon - 2nd Vice President

## 2012-2013 Assistant Officers



Chillicothe 2012-2013 Assistant Officers, front, from left: Britany Twyman - Parliamentarian; Hallee Jones - Chaplain; Zach Quinn - Sentinel; Jozie Reeter - Reporter; Haelee Shady - Treasurer. Back row, from left: Lauren Haley, Vice President; Carlee Johnson - President; Colby Ruoff - Historian; Baily Henry - 2nd Vice President; and Hailey Seeley - Secretary

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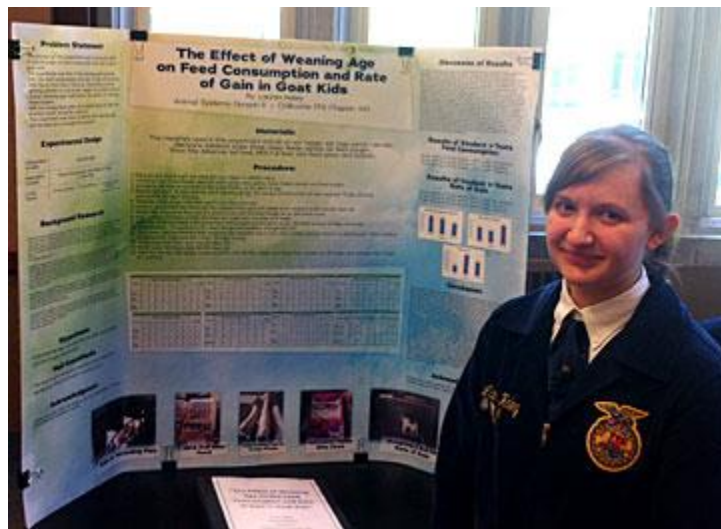
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## Local Students Compete at Missouri State FFA Agriscience Fair

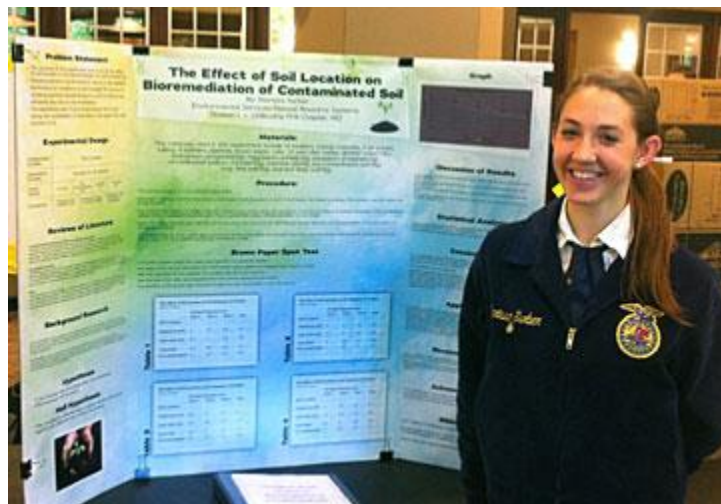
Lauren Haley and Marissa Surber both of Chillicothe, MO recently competed in the Missouri FFA Agriscience Fair.

**Lauren Haley was awarded first place in the senior division of Animal Systems** for the project titled: *The Effect of Weaning Age on Feed Consumption and Rate of Gain in Goat Kids*.



Lauren Haley

**Marissa Surber was awarded second place in the freshman division of Plant Systems** for the project titled: *The Effect of Soil Location on Bioremediation of Contaminated Soil*.



Marissa Surber

Lauren's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: "The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of weaning age on feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. Weaning can be a management practice that will affect

the profit of the producer. Weaning allows the producer to control the feed intake of his animal and evaluate the growth of the animal as well. People use varying guidelines as they make decisions about weaning. Some use the standard 90 day age while others wean earlier or use weight to determine when to wean. The control in this experiment was 90 day weaning, traditionally the time when kids are weaned. This experiment was done on thirty nine goat kids in the same environment, vaccination history, and feeding program prior to the experiment. The independent variable in this experiment was weaning age. The dependent variables in this experiment were feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. The amount of feed consumed by each group was measured each day and then added together to determine the total amount of feed consumption over a seven week period from the age of 55 days to 90 days. Each kid was weighed when they turned 60 and 90 days old to determine their rate of gain. The results in this experiment showed that weaning age does have an impact on feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. The 60 day weaning group had the highest feed consumption while the control (90 day) weaning group had the lowest. The control (90 day) weaning group had the highest rate of gain while the 75 day weaning group had the lowest. The results show that the hypothesis was supported by comparing the 60 day and control (90 day) weaning groups and the 75 day and control (90 day) weaning groups. The hypothesis was not supported when comparing the 60 and 75 day weaning groups. The null hypothesis stating total feed consumption and rate of gain will not be significantly different between weaning groups must be accepted when comparing groups 60 day and 75 day weaning, but can be rejected when comparing groups 60 day and control (90 day) weaning and 75 day and control (90 day) weaning. Recommendations for further study would be to study earlier and later weaning ages. The effect of gender as it relates to weaning could also be studied."

Lauren will be sending her project to the national level where it will be judged. At the national level, the top 15 will be selected to compete for a national ranking at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October of 2013.

Marissa's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: "The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of soil location on the bioremediation of contaminated soil. The hypothesis was if pre-contaminated soil is used during the remediation of soil, then it would decrease the most amount of oil. The control in this experiment was no soil. The constants in this experiment were amount of soil, amount of nutrients, amount of water, air circulation/ oxygen levels, amount of oil added to soil, temperature, and amount of light. The independent variable in this experiment was location where soil is found. The dependent variable in this experiment was the bioremediation of soil. This was tested by how much oil is reduced from a sample of the soil in a set amount of time, determined by the diameter of a grease spot measured in centimeters. The results in this experiment were that the soil found in a leaf litter area (timber) reduced the most amount of oil. The corn field soil came in second and the pre-contaminated soil reduced the least. The control variable (no soil) had very little oil reduced at all. The results show that the hypothesis was not supported and instead, 'pre-contaminated soil' reduced the least amount of oil eating bacteria. Recommendations for further study would be testing pre-contaminated soils from different locations and possibly the effect of nutrient level on activity of oil-eating bacteria."

Congratulations to both girls on their accomplishments.

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## **26th Annual Missouri FFA and High School Trap Championships**

April 27, 2013

LINN CREEK, MO - More than 85,000 shots rang out from the Missouri Trapshooters Association home grounds in Linn Creek on April 27, 2013 for the 26th Annual Missouri FFA and High School Trap Championship. More than 850 students from all over the state participated. "Despite the rainy weather, we saw several perfect scores and many 99s," said Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Education Outreach Coordinator Eric Edwards, who helped staff the event. "We even had to have a shoot-off to decide placement in some divisions because of all the 100-out-of-100 scores these kids put up today." "The dedication of these young people amazes me," said Edwards. "Some are here just to have a good time and socialize with other kids from around the state, while others get very serious about the competition aspect. We had several shooters who will be going to college next year on full-ride scholarships to compete on a collegiate level in the shotgun sports." He added, "These outstanding youth along with their dedicated coaches, show that not only is Missouri a great place to hunt and fish, but a great place to enjoy shooting sports too!"





L to R - Orren Beck, Taylor Daly, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch, Zach Quinn

The team of Orren Beck, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch, Taylor Daly, and Zach Quinn placed 4th in the State FFA Shoot. As a team, they shot 452 out of 500. In the junior division, Brandon Bothwell placed second individually.

Other students that participated on an individual basis were Matt Dupy. This year the coaching staff consisted of Sarge Ralls and Tony Burtch with the student manager being Kate Ralls.

The student's scores were Orren Beck 94 out of 100, Brandon Bothwell 99 out of 100, Ben Burtch 92 out of 100, Taylor Daly 85 out of 100, Matt Dupy 87 of 100, and Zach Quinn 82 out of 100.

The objectives of the program are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Also, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork.



Back Row L to R - Matt Dupy, Taylor Daly;  
Front L to R - Zach Quinn, Ben Burtch, Orren Beck, Brandon Bothwell, Kate Ralls

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### Annual FFA Banquet Awards Over \$27,000 in Scholarships

*Chillicothe FFA members shared the spotlight at Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center*

May 3, 2013

**CAPTION:** Much of the more than \$27,000 in awards came from the Litton Awards. *Pictured front row, left to right*, were the award winners: Carley Anderson, Caela Ashford, Jordan Huddleston, Bailey Henry and Jozie Reeter. *Pictured back row, left to right*, were the award sponsors: Bonnie Mitchell, Ed Turner, Karie Black and Rusty Black.



C-T Photo / Austin Buckner

Chillicothe FFA members shared the spotlight at Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center Thursday, May 2, 2013. Despite wintery weather conditions, a large crowd was on hand for the organization's annual awards banquet. More than \$27,310 in awards and scholarships were presented to members of ag education organization during their annual awards banquet.

The evening's top awards - **the Jerry Litton Memorial Scholarships** - were awarded to recipients who show strong leadership potential in FFA, school and community activities, and who plan to continue his/her formal education. The Jerry Litton Memorial Family Foundation awarded \$5,000 to Jordan Huddleston and \$3,000 to Caela Ashford.

The Skipper family and friends presented Taylor Daly with the \$500 **Jackie Skipper Memorial FFA Scholarship**. The scholarship is awarded to those who show strong leadership potential in FFA, school, exhibiting livestock and community activities, and who plan to continue his/her formal education.

Carley Anderson was awarded the \$500 **Rusty and Karie Black Litton Award**. Presented by The Litton Foundation, the recipient of this award has exhibited dedication to the Chillicothe FFA Chapter throughout their four years of membership.

Bridgett Kieffer was the recipient of the **Senior Agribusiness Award**. This \$200 award and plaque, sponsored by Smith Farms, is given to a senior student enrolled in the Agribusiness placement program who is planning to further his/her education.

**Chillicothe Animal Hospital**, Dr. Ross and Dr. Link presented the Annual Agribusiness Awards. Recipients include McKenna Ashford, Colby Ruoff, Matt Dupy and Keara Hopper. The trophy and \$75 cash award is based on leadership, participation, career development and FFA goals.

Bridget Kieffer, Sierra Midgett, Madi Condron, Lizzie McCoy, Blake Rasmussen and Orren Beck were each awarded \$300 scholarships by the **Chillicothe FFA Chapter**. These scholarships are given to senior FFA members who are planning to attend a college or vocational school majoring in agriculture. The recipients must have completed four units of Ag Education.

The \$400 **Wayne Boon Memorial Award** was presented to Cyrsten Lollar. The award is given annually to a graduating senior and is selected based upon the scope and quality of their production related SAE program for all years in Ag Education.

Given to students that keep livestock at the Litton Agriscience Learning Center as a component of their SAE project, **Litton Livestock Awards** were presented to Brandon Cook, Jozie Reeter, Bailey Henry and Colton Moore. Winners of this \$75 award, sponsored by the Jerry Litton Memorial Family Foundation, are selected by their ability to care and manage their livestock, work ethic, responsibility and showing.



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## State FFA Convention 2013

*Once again a successful year!*

April 18-19, 2013

During the 85th State FFA Convention, students participated from Chillicothe and Southwest High Schools.

- The FFA Knowledge team placed 14th and earned a group II rating. The team included Erin Campbell, Emma Rademacher, Maggie Resor, and Marissa Surber.
- The Dairy Cattle Judging team placed 59th, with a group III rating, the team included members Aaron Baker and Colton Hargrave.
- The Parliamentary Procedure team placed 5th and earned a group I rating; the team included Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Zach Quinn, Hailey Seeley, and Haelee Shady.
- The Ag Issues team earned a group I rating; the team included Brandon Bothwell, Matt Dupy, Alicia Kieffer, Faith Peters, Paige Peters, Elizabeth Warren.
- In Extemporaneous Prepared Public Speaking Caela Ashford received a group I rating.
- Nine members were recognized at the state level for proficiencies; those members were Timber Ballantyne, Brandon Bothwell, Lauren Haley - 1st place, Cyrsten Lollar - 2nd place, Jami Loney - 2nd place, Colton Moore, Anthony Peniston - 1st place, Paige Peters, and Colby Ruoff.
- Nine members received their [State FFA Degree](#). Those members are Orren Beck, Colten Berry, Jordan Huddleston, Keara Hopper, Tanner Jones, Bridgett Kieffer, Cyrsten Lollar, Bobby Peniston, and Troy Toedebusch.

Congratulations to all of the FFA members who participated on any contest team this year. Your hard work is a credit to each of you as individuals.

## Proficiency Award Winners

The following students received first place in the Area 2 proficiency award selection. These students competed at the state level against fifteen other area contestants.



- **Paige Peters - Ag Communications** - Includes programs in which a student is placed at a newspaper or other agricultural print facilities to obtain training and practical experience in writing and publicizing in preparation for a writing communications career. Programs may also be at radio, TV stations, fair media rooms, or other



businesses requiring speaking skills and knowledge of agriculture. The students may also own and produce an agriculture related broadcast or show. This area also includes any use of technology aimed at communicating the story of agriculture.

- **Brandon Bothwell - Ag Sales Entrepreneurship** - Student owns the enterprise or business, not covered in a more appropriate proficiency award category; may include enterprises such as: the sale of feed, seed, fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, agricultural equipment, machinery or structures. Enterprises may also include the merchandising of crops, livestock, processed agricultural commodities, horticultural, floriculture, or forestry items at either the retail or wholesale level.
- **Lauren Haley - Agriscience Animal Systems Research - (1st Place)** - Research into the study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses, and/or poultry.
- **Colby Ruoff - Diversified Crop Production Placement** - Student works for a crop producer that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops from two or more of the crop related proficiencies such as: grain production, fiber/oil production, forage production, specialty crop production, vegetable production, or fruit production.
- **Timber Ballantyne - Food Science & Technology** - Student owns the enterprise, works for a business that provides experience in the applying microbiology and biochemistry or food product development to improve taste, nutrition, quality and/or value of food. Programs could include the development of new products, food testing, grading and inspecting.
- **Colton Moore - Forest Management & Products** - Includes the best management practices available to conserve or increase the economic value of a forest and/or forest products through such practices as thinning, pruning, weeding, stand improvement, reforestation, insect and disease control, planting, harvesting, Christmas tree farming, Forest Service, making and selling cedar shakes and firewood, and wood chips/mulch.
- **Jami Loney - Grain Production Entrepreneurship - (2nd Place)** Students owns an enterprise or business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for grain production such as corn, barley, millet, buckwheat, oats, grain sorghum, milo, wheat, rice and rye.
- **Cyrsten Lollar - Turf Grass Management - (2nd Place)** Involves the planting and maintaining of turf for outdoor beautification, providing a lawn-mowing service, improvement of recreational areas, sod produced for sale, and sport field or golf course management.
- **Anthony Peniston - Vegetable Production - (1st Place)** using the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops such as beans, potatoes, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, onions, zucchini, all canning vegetables, and all common garden vegetables.

Anthony and Lauren received first place in their divisions and will be moving on to the national competition in October of 2013 at the National FFA Convention. Cyrsten and Jami both received second place in their divisions and will be considered alternates to nationals.

## State Talent and Chorus

The Missouri FFA Association has selected Kaitlyn Garr and Madi Condron, Chillicothe, MO, as 2013 State FFA Choir members. Kaitlyn and Madi were 2 of 240 individuals chosen for the **FFA All State Choir**. Students rehearsed and performed at the State FFA Convention in Columbia, Missouri held April 18-19, 2013. FFA members have the opportunity to share their musical talent in front of a crowd of over 8,000 FFA members and guests on Friday afternoon and the evening of April 19. FFA members were selected based upon their musical ability through an application process for the FFA All-State FFA choir. Beth Dampf, choral director of Jefferson City High School, directs the All-State FFA Choir.



Pictured L to R - Madi Condron, Bridgett Kieffer, Kaitlyn Garr

The Missouri FFA Association has selected Kaitlyn Garr and Bridgett Kieffer, Chillicothe, MO as 2013 **State FFA Talent members**. Kaitlyn and Bridgett were 2 of 43 performers chosen for the FFA State Talent. Students sent in a video of their talent and an application to be able to perform at the State FFA Convention in Columbia, Missouri held April 18-19, 2013. Kaitlyn's talent was singing and playing her guitar to "I hope you Dance" which she performed on Thursday during the afternoon session. Bridgett's talent was dancing to "So Small" which she performed during Thursday evening's pre-session.

### **State Degrees to be Awarded**

04/19/13

On March 1, 2013 it was announced that 14 members of the Chillicothe FFA will be receiving their State FFA Degree, in Columbia, Missouri, on April 19, 2013. Before receiving this degree, they had to meet a number of qualifications and fill out an application that followed their SAE and leadership skills. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree that the Missouri FFA Association can give to its members. This degree is awarded to the top 3% of the total State FFA membership each year.

Those from our chapter who received the State FFA Degree include: Orren Beck son of David and Suzi Beck, Colten Berry son of David and Kristy Berry, Jordan Huddleston son of Scott Huddleston and Debbie Huddleston, Keara Hopper daughter of Mark and Joan Hopper, Tanner Jones son of Todd and Christine Jones, Bridgett Kieffer daughter of Jason and Kim Kieffer, Cysten Lollar daughter of Rick and LaRenda Lollar, Bobby Peniston son of Bob & Ashley Peniston and Tim & Cathy Wallace, Troy Toedebusch son of Kenny and Tammi Toedebusch. Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments.



Back L to R: Bobby Peniston, Troy Toedebusch, Bridgett Kieffer, Cysten Lollar  
Front L to R: Keara Hopper, Colten Berry, Orren Beck, Jordan Huddleston; Not Pictured: Tanner Jones

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### **Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night**

04/10/13

On April 10, 2013, Chillicothe FFA members attended the Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night held at the Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center in Chillicothe, MO. This awards recognition night is held each year to recognize members of the 27 area school that make up the Area II FFA Association for their outstanding achievements during the year. The items for which students were recognized, at the area level, were as follows: fall speaking contests, FFA speaking contests, books, contests, talent, Area FFA Degree, proficiency awards, and officers. Madi Condron, 2012-2013 Area II Historian, and the rest of the Area II Officer team conducted the ceremony. Kaitlyn Garr performed for the talent portion of the night. At the conclusion of the night, Elizabeth Warren was initiated as the 2013-2014 Area II Reporter.

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## Chillicothe FFA Alumni Pig Sale

April 6, 2013

On Saturday April 6, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Alumni held the 12th Annual Pig Sale at the MW Jenkins Expo Center on the Litton Agriculture Campus. There were 30 sellers and 117 buyers present from all over the state of Missouri.



This pig sale is held to assist local youth with finding quality show pigs for the upcoming show season. Youth will exhibit these pigs during the summer at local, area, district, state, and national shows. The money raised by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni goes to sponsor awards and scholarship at the Chillicothe FFA Banquet in May.

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## Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day

March 28, 2013

At the Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day, students gain an understanding of the importance of becoming informed and involved citizens. Additionally, they focus upon the agricultural and rural issues that impact our state. The 19th Annual Missouri Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day, March 28, 2013, attracted 335 students and chaperons from 55 counties. The action-packed day began early for many of the groups as they traveled from across the state to Jefferson City. Following a brief orientation at the MFB home office, they boarded buses to the Capitol. Sherry Jones, Livingston County Farm Bureau Board President, arranged for Chillicothe FFA members to meet with their respective elected official Senator Mike Pearce. Students interacted with members of the General Assembly and got a firsthand look at the activities surrounding a day at the Capitol. Following lunch at the MFB Home Office, the group was welcomed by Missouri Farm

Bureau President Blake Hurst. Judge Duane Benton of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals shared insight into his background as an agricultural leader. 2013 MFB Ambassadors Haley Thompson and William English spoke of the Ambassador program, shared highlights of their recent trip to Washington, D.C. with the Resolutions Committee and encouraged students present to look into this program.



Pictured - Back L to R - Anthony Peniston, Ben Burtch, Maggie Graves  
Front L to R - Haley Thompson (FB Ambassador from Livingston County), Walker Thomas, Jami Loney,  
Sherry Jones (Livingston County FB President), Senator Pearce

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## District Contest Results

March 26, 2013

On March 26, 2013 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District FFA Contest. The results are as follows: **Agricultural Issues, 1st place (state)** - Brandon Bothwell, Matt Dupy, Alicia Kieffer, Faith Peters, Paige Peters, Elizabeth Warren; **Parliamentary Procedure, 1st place (state)** - Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry (Chairman), Carlee Johnson, Zach Quinn, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady; **Knowledge Team 1st place (state)** - Erin Campbell, Emma Rademacher, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber; **Prepared Public Speaking Division I - 2nd place (state)** - Rachel Nowland; Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Madi Condron; Job Interview, Madi Condron; Creed Speaking, Robert Parkey and Emma Rademacher; **Extemporaneous Speaking 3rd place (state)** - Caela Ashford. The State FFA contest will be held in Columbia on April 18 & 19.

On April 2 and April 3, 2013 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District Ag Contest. The results are as follows: **Agriculture Mechanics 13th place** -Colten Berry, Taylor Daly, Colton Moore; **Ag Sales** - Carley Anderson, Jordan Huddleston, Bridgett Kieffer, Lizzie McCoy; **Dairy Foods 23rd place** -Sydney Summers (alt), Hannah Roney, Taisia Zeger (alt), Rebecca Pitchford, Jordan Belt (alt), Robert Rupp (alt), Cal Toedebusch; **Dairy Cattle 5th place (state)** - Aaron Baker, Andrew Davis (alt), Colton Hargrave, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Colton Webb (alt), Zach Wood (alt); **Farm Management 13th place** - Caela Ashford, Orren Beck, Nick Calvert (alt), Bobby Peniston, Troy Toedebusch; **Floriculture 21st place** - Gillen Gates, Sarah Johnson, Miranda Mammen (alt), Michaela Mammen (alt), Sierra Midgytt, Therese Taylor (alt); **Forestry 18th place** - John Anderson, Tucker Jones, Cody Kanninen, Anthony Peniston; **Horses 9th place** - Shantel Cooper, Sara Frampton, Brittany Ireland, Jami Loney; **Livestock 9th place (state)** - Ben Burtch, Maggie Graves, Cyrsten Lollar, Walker Thomas; **Meats 19th place** -Timber Ballantyne, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Lauren Jones, Derek Eckert; **Poultry 15th place** - Alex Barnes, Lane Bonderer, Shayler Keller (alt), Brandon Lamp, Nate McKiddy, Kyle Ross (alt); **Soils 21st place** - Kiley Boley, Samantha Fletcher, Amber Lindsey, Courtney Slattery, Brittany Twyman (alt), Riley Ward (alt). The teams that qualified will be participating at state contest on April 18th and 19th in Columbia, MO.

The Chillicothe FFA fielded 14 teams and 6 speakers at District Agriculture and FFA Career Development Events on April 2nd and April 3rd. A total of 66 students competed from the Chillicothe FFA. The career development events were held at Northwest Missouri State University. 325 teams consisting of nearly 1350 students from 49 different schools competed

this year. Chillicothe FFA qualified 4 teams and 3 speakers for State FFA Convention. The convention is to be held on the campus of the University of Missouri on April 19 & 20, 2012 in Columbia, MO.

The local chapter is part of the Agricultural Education Program at the Grand River Technical School and is composed of students from Chillicothe and Southwest high schools.

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## **8th Grade Recruitment**

March 28, 2013

On March 28, 2013, the 8th grade students from the Chillicothe Middle School were given the opportunity to visit the Litton Agriculture Campus.



The purpose of the visit was to see what the Chillicothe Ag Department and Chillicothe FFA Chapter had to offer them next year as incoming freshmen in high school. Senior members of the Chillicothe FFA gave an overview of what activities they could participate in, courses offered, and a tour of the campus. The 8th graders are beginning the class selection process for their freshmen year of high school. A letter will be mailed home at the beginning of the week to all parents with what was discussed at the recruitment day.

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## **Area II Contest**

March 20, 2013

On March 20, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Area II FFA Contest. The speaking results are: Creed Speakers: Robert Parkey - 4th and gold; Emma Rademacher - 6th and gold; Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speaker: Rachel Nowland - 1st and gold; Prepared Public Speaking Division II Speakers: Brittany Twyman - bronze; Advanced Prepared Public Speaking: Madi Condron - 1st and gold Carley Anderson - 4th (alternate) and gold; Extemporaneous Speaking: Caela Ashford - 1st and gold; Job Interview: Madi Condron - 3rd and gold. FFA Books Completed Ownership: Jami Loney - gold; Completed Placement: Ben Burtch - gold; Beginning Ownership: Zach Wood - gold; Beginning Placement: McKenna Ashford - gold; Scrapbook: Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady, Brittany Twyman - gold; Parliamentary Procedure team: Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Zach Quinn, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady - gold; Agriculture Issues team: Brandon Bothwell, Matt Dupy, Alicia Kieffer, Faith Peters, Paige Peters, Elizabeth Warren - gold. Those teams and individuals receiving 3rd place or higher will proceed to District competition March 26, 2013 in Cameron, MO.





Back Row L to R - Robert Parkey, Madi Condron, Haelee Shady, Zach Quinn, Caela Ashford, Emma Rademacher  
Middle Row L to R - Carlee Johnson, Rachel Nowland, Brittany Twyman, Bailey Henry, Lauren Haley, Carley Anderson  
Front Row L to R - Brandon Bothwell, Matt Dupy, Elizabeth Warren, Alicia Kieffer, Paige Peters, Faith Peters, Hailey Seeley

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## MU Livestock Grading and Judging

March 9, 2013

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, twenty-two Chillicothe FFA members attended the annual Missouri Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop and Contest at the University of Missouri's Trowbridge Livestock Center in Columbia. The 2013 event was the Department's 25th year hosting the event to provide youth and adults better livestock evaluation tools. The workshop, which is open to youth in grades nine or lower, provides youth involved in 4-H and FFA programs an educational opportunity to learn the process and technique of grading livestock. The contest, which is open to all ages, allows the opportunity to apply national grading standards and to receive feedback on an individual level in traditional cattle, hog, sheep and goat judging. Chillicothe students participating in the workshop were among the 134 individuals there that day. **The results are:** 53rd Rebecca Pitchford, 55th Colton Hargrave, 59th Tori Overton, 62nd Erin Campbell, 63rd Lane Bonderer, 69th Colton Webb, and 73rd Rachel Nowland. Chillicothe students participating in the grading and judging portion were among 262 individuals there that day. **The results are:** Overall Individual 31st Ben Burtch, 42nd Paige Peters, 51st Walker Thomas; Traditional Grading 4th Ben Burtch, 6th Paige Peters, 24th Gillen Gates; Keep Cull 7th Walker Thomas, 8th Carlee Johnson; Feeder Cattle 23rd Cyrsten Lollar; Slaughter Cattle 10th Brittany Ireland, 31st Walker Thomas, 47th Maggie Graves. The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Contest is a competitive event for students in the 8th grade or above, or after two years of participation in the Missouri Youth Grading and Judging Workshop. The Contest includes both team and individual competition, with team scores based on 4 members and groups of fewer than 4 scored as individuals only.

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## Local Speaking Contest

March 7, 2013

On March 7, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter held their local speaking contest. The local speaking contest was held in order to determine who the chapter will send to the Area 2 FFA Contest. Area contest on March 20, 2013 in Gallatin. Also, we selected the Chillicothe candidates to send to Area and State Officer Interviews. On March 13, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter will send two representatives to the Area II officer and state candidate interviews. Elizabeth Warren will be Chillicothe's representative for an Area II officer. Cyrsten Lollar will be Chillicothe's representative for Area II State Officer Candidate. Results...

- CREED - Robert Parkey; Emma Rademacher - Southwest  
Contestants: Aaron Baker, Erin Campbell, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Rebekah Shermuly
- AREA OFFICER CANDIDATE - Elizabeth Warren  
Contestants: Brandon Bothwell, Alicia Kieffer

- STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE - Cyrsten Lollar  
Contestants: Jordan Huddleston

**Area II FFA Officer Candidates**  
03/13/13

On March 13, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sent two representatives to the Area II officer and state candidate interviews.

Elizabeth Warren was Chillicothe's representative for an Area II officer. Elizabeth was selected as the Area II FFA Reporter.

Cyrsten Lollar was Chillicothe's representative for Area II State Officer Candidate.



*Pictured, L to R - Elizabeth Warren, Cyrsten Lollar*

- PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING DIVISION I - Rachel Nowland
- PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING DIVISION II - Brittany Twyman
- ADVANCED PUBLIC SPEAKING PREPARED - Carley Anderson, Madi Condron  
Contestant: Lizzie McCoy
- EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING - Caela Ashford



*Back L to R - Robbie Parkey, Elizabeth Warren, Alicia Kieffer, Emma Rademacher, Rebekah Shermuly, Brandon Bothwell; Front L to R - Brittany Twyman, Rebecca Pitchford, Erin Campbell, Lizzie McCoy*

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**Coloring Contest**

February, 2013

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter held a coloring contest during FFA Week for students in Kindergarten and First grade. Each classroom was awarded a first place winner. The first place winner received a small toy, and every participant received a lollipop.

The winners were: Kindergarten - Jack Bernharedt, Drake Buck, Kealee French, Alton Keller, Katherine Pohren, Kylee Sowder, Mylee Waters; First Grade - Jace Bundy, Izzy Garr, Alijah Hibner, Madison Kern, Kennison Potter, Rylee Regan, Hailey Tripp, Carmeron Williams. Congratulations to all the winners. All contestant pages will be displayed at our local banquet on May 2, 2013.



L to R - Back Row: Alijah Hibner, Izzy Garr, Kennison Potter, Hailey Trip, Cameron Williams  
Front Row: Rylee Regan, Madison Kern, Jace Bundy



L to R - Back Row: Drake Buck, Kylee Sowder, Kealee French  
Front Row: Mylee Waters, Katherine Pohren, Alton Keller; Not Pictured: Jack Bernhardt

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## Litton Crusaders Visit Classrooms

02/14/13

Students from Dewey Elementary kindergarten and first grade classes were having a hands-on learning experience on February 14, 2013. The students were learning about habitats and animals with assistance from the Litton Crusaders program. The students got the opportunity to handle a baby pig and learn a little about them from the high school students.





During the visit students got to learn about their pigs gender, name (ear notch), breed, what they eat, and whatever other questions they came up with. Later on in the school year, the students will take a field trip out to the Litton Agriculture Campus and get to revisit those baby pigs as market hogs.



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## Ag Breakfast

02/15/13

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter and the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce hosted "Salute to Agriculture Breakfast" Friday morning, February 15, at the Mervyn Jenkins Expo Center. The breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes was served to approximately 125 community members, and was sponsored by Woody's Automotive. The annual event started at 6:30 a.m. with 38 FFA members helping serve.



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The guest speaker was Derek Mulhern, a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He is currently the AFA's program coordinator and spoke about the Agriculture Future of America.

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## **Connecting to Agriculture**

02/18/13

Food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and so much more are products of agriculture. Join Missouri Farm Bureau and the 113 county Farm Bureau organizations across the state, February 10-16, as we pay tribute to Missouri's farmers and ranchers with a variety of **Thank A Farmer Week** activities. The Missouri Farm Bureau Thank a Farmer Week allows us to pause and be reminded of the efforts of farmers and why their work is important to all of us.

Today's farmers grow more food and do it with fewer resources than any time in history. Consumer demands have changed over time, but farmers meet those needs by providing an increasing variety of goods. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, technology and innovations in agriculture allow one US farmer to provide enough food and fiber for 154 people around the world. Even amidst the current grow-your-own environment, most people have little contact with the source of their food supply. Most consumers rely on others to produce some or all of what is needed. Statistics show farm families make up about 2 percent of the US population, yet they provide for themselves and the other 98 percent.

Grocery shelves are filled with an overwhelming number of food product choices. On average, nearly 40,000 different items appear in most shipping establishments. Restaurant menus boast a variety of items from which to choose. However, many people fail to connect the dots to realize farmers are the source of their supply of food, says Sherry Jones (Livingston County Farm Bureau President). Farmers provide an abundant, affordable and healthy food supply. Consumers in the US spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food, based on USDA figures. That amount is less than any country in the world. Other items we use daily come from agriculture. Whether it is personal care products, medical items, school supplies, printed materials, sports equipment, manufacturing or construction, agriculture products are in the mix. "Seldom do we stop and ask ourselves, 'where did this come from'?" says Sherry Jones. "Farmers and what they provide should not be taken for granted."

Agriculture is an important part of Livingston County's economy. Farm businesses give back to the community in many ways while they produce food and fiber for the world. So, join the Livingston County Farm Bureau as we pause to 'Thank a Farmer' for a job well done during our special promotion February 10-16.

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## **FCCLA and FFA High School Blood Drive**

02/08/13

On Friday, February 8, 2013, the FCCLA and FFA sponsored a blood drive for high school students and staff at the Chillicothe High School PAC. The Community Blood Center staff registered 60 volunteers and collected 44 units of blood.



There were 33 first time donors. The FCCLA and FFA members assisted the Community Blood Center staff with set-up, registration, passing out treats, and clean-up.



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## FFA Bowling Party

02/03/2013

On February 3, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Bowling Party at the Fast Lane in Chillicothe. This party represents a reward for members as well as a time for fellowship. There were approximately 75 members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.







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### **Missouri Fairs and Festivals Speech Contest**

02/01/2013

The Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals (MAFF) Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural character relating to county fairs and which is of general interest to the public.

**Bailey Henry** represented the Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair at this contest held February 1, 2013. Bailey placed 4th at this state competition.



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### **Greenhand Motivational Conference**

01/19/2013

On Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 73 Chillicothe FFA Greenhands attended the Northwest District Greenhand Motivational Conference at the North Central Missouri College Campus in Trenton, Missouri. Through interactive workshops and skits, Missouri State FFA Officers used the FFA version of the "Duck Dynasty" as the theme to motivate Greenhands, who are first year FFA members. They helped the new agriculture students set goals for their education, careers and FFA experiences. MFA, Inc. sponsored this event in coordination with NCMC. While at NCMC, students were given the opportunity to tour the new Barton Agriculture Campus.



State Officers that put on the conference are seated in the front row from L to R - Past Vice President Cody Jones, Courtney Spencer, Anna Eftink, Sonja Perry, Sarah Bastin, Kenny Swope.

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## FFA Christmas Party

12/05/12

On December 5, 2012, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Christmas Party at the Chillicothe Middle School. This party represents a reward for members on an excellent Barnwarming this year as well as a time for fellowship.



The members enjoyed dinner and then moved into the field house for some games. Members could have played basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, or participated in other activities. The students also held a canned food drive and collected 10 boxes of canned food items. There were approximately 140 members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

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## Missouri Farm Bureau Contest

December 2, 2012

The Missouri Farm Bureau Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural character relating to the general interest to the public. Madi Condron represented the Livingston County Farm Bureau at the Missouri Farm Bureau Conference contest held December 2, 2012. The contest consisted of students preparing a 6-8 minute speech on the topic of Farm Bureau: Leading the Challenge. Madi received first place at the district level, and moved on to the state competition.

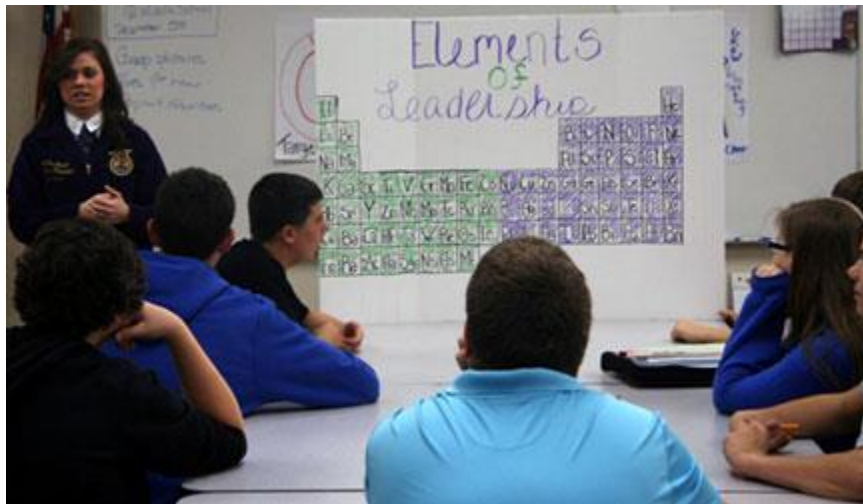
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## State Officer Visit

11/19/12

Samantha Gibson, Area 2 Missouri State Vice President, talks to a group of Chillicothe R-2 ag students on Monday, November 19, 2012, at the Litton Agricultural Education Building at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. Samantha talked about what students could learn by being involved in the FFA organization and conducted leadership games with the students.



Samantha is one of 16 Missouri State FFA Officers. Her home chapter is the Norborne FFA Chapter.

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## Fall Speaking Contests

11/07 and 11/14/12

On November 7, 2012, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Area II Fall Speaking Contest in Gallatin. Madi Condron competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Lizzie McCoy competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Lauren Haley competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Brandon Bothwell completed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Jozie Reeter completed in the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation, and Carley Anderson competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest. Madi, Lizzie, Lauren, Brandon, and Carley moved on to the district competition on November 14, 2012.





Back L to R - Jozie Reeter, Madi Condron, Brandon Bothwell;  
Front L to R - Lizzie McCoy, Lauren Haley, Carley Anderson

On November 14, 2012, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Northwest District Fall Speaking Contest in Cameron. Madi Condron competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Lizzie McCoy competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Lauren Haley competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Brandon Bothwell completed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, and Carley Anderson competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest. **Madi received first place in the Farm Bureau contest on will move on to the state competition to be held on December 2, 2012 in Tan-Tar-A, Missouri.**

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### **Papa Charlie's Hosts Dewey School and Litton Crusaders**

10/18-19/2012

Students from all the Kindergarten and First Grade classes at Dewey Elementary School were having a hands-on learning experience at Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch on October 18 and 19, 2012. The students learn about agriculture in the classroom through their regular curriculum and assistance from the Litton Crusaders program. During the school year students will learn all about animals on the farm, crops grown on the farm, and what farmers provide to the general population. As part of the Litton Crusaders program students got the opportunity to go to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch for a farm experience with a little fun mixed in.



Kindergarten

High school students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center assisted in the days' activities. The students got to pet several animals in the petting zoo, visit with "Romeo" the donkey, see some longhorn cattle in their nature habitat, walk through a corn field, and get up close to hay bales. All in all the kids had a fun day and would like to thank the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation for supporting this activity through the Litton Crusaders program.



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## Chillicothe FFA Parents' Night

10/10/12

On October 10, 2012, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Parents' Night, where 318 members and guests attended. This event is to help welcome the first year FFA member and their parents to our organization as well as showcase some of our members' talents. The evening began with FFA opening ceremonies followed by a motivating welcome given by Dr. Roger Barnes, Chillicothe R-II School Superintendent. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter officers and Chillicothe FFA Assistant Officers presented the program.



L to R Group 1 - Sydney Summers, Aaron Baker, Erin Campbell, Colton Hargrave, Andrew Davis



Group 2 - Mariah Cox, Kyle Ross, Robbie Parkey, Rebecca Pitchford, Taisia Zeger

The program consisted of the Greenhand FFA Degree ceremony, Chapter FFA Degree ceremony, commercial break presented by the assistant officers, skit presented by the Chillicothe FFA Chapter Officers, as well as 4 creeds presented by Greenhands. The creed was presented by Aaron Baker, Alex Barnes, Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, McCormick Campbell, Mariah Cox, Andrew Davis, Colton Hargrave, Brandon Lamp, Nate McKiddy, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Robbie Parkey, Rebecca Pitchford, Emma Rademacher, Kyle Ross, Sydney Summers, Marissa Surber, Zach Wood, Taisia Zeger.



Group 3 - Alex Barnes, Lane Bonderer, Victoria Overton, Zach Wood, Brandon Lamp



Group 4 - McCormick Campbell, Rachel Nowland, Marissa Surber, Nate McKiddy, Emma Rademacher

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## Kiwanis - October Meeting

10/08/12

On October 8, 2012, the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club hosted a few of the Chillicothe FFA members at the Senior Center for their monthly meeting. The Chillicothe FFA members involved were: Carley Anderson, Cyrsen Lollar, and Lizzie McCoy. The students presented a speech from last year's Fall Speaking Contest. Carley Anderson presented her speech on Missouri Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives, Cyrsen Lollar presented on Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, and Lizzie McCoy presented on the Missouri Pork Producers. We would like to thank the Kiwanis for the opportunity to showcase some of the Chillicothe FFA's speaking talent.



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## Livingston County Farm Bureau Hosts Teachers Workshop and Awards Mini-Grant Recipients

10/03/12

"Ag in the Classroom" was the topic of a teachers workshop hosted by Livingston County Farm Bureau on Wednesday, October 3, at the Litton Agriculture Campus. Diane Olson, director of Promotion and Education for Missouri Farm Bureau, conducted the hands on workshop to assist teachers in finding resources to help them bring agriculture into their classrooms. She also helped teachers to connect these resources to Grade Level Expectations and the Common Core Standards. Resource materials are available for preschool through high school grade levels.

In coordination with the "Ag in the Classroom" workshop, a special awards presentation was held to recognize 10 Livingston County teachers who received Mini-Grants for the current school year. The Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is committed to promoting a better understanding of agriculture. The Mini-Grant program for educators is one example of this commitment. Missouri educators applied for funding to assist them as they infuse agricultural messages into the classroom. This program is a unique opportunity to enhance agricultural literacy - one teacher, one classroom and one student at a time. The money provides resources, consumables and hands-on experiences to help connect students and teachers to agriculture.

This marks the 15th year for this competitive granting process in which educators may receive a maximum of \$250 for classroom projects. Twenty-eight grants were funded this year. "It's exciting to read the project proposals and the creative ways teachers are planning to include agricultural messages," said Diane Olson, director of Promotion and Education Programs for the Missouri Farm Bureau. "Due to limited resource budgets, teachers often rely on their personal resources to enhance their classroom curriculum. This funding provides necessary resources to include agricultural messages."



Mini-Grant winners are pictured with Diane Olson, director of Promotion and Education for Missouri Farm Bureau, and Sherry Jones, President of Livingston County Farm Bureau.

Livingston County Farm Bureau was proud to recognize and present checks to 10 area teachers for a total of 11 projects. Teachers receiving the mini-grant awards are as follows: Dewey School: Kari Snyder, Nancy Noland, Linda Hauck, Andrea Marriott, Brook Wolf, Tami Riekema, Laura Foster, and Lindsey Perry; Field School: Katie Kerr; Chula School: Brenda Kerr Suzi Beck, also of Livingston County, but teaches at Trenton, received two mini-grants from Grundy County. Checks were presented to the recipients by Sherry Jones, President of Livingston County Farm Bureau.

The 2013-2014 Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture mini-grant applications are available at the Livingston County Farm Bureau office and online at [www.mofb.org](http://www.mofb.org). Deadline for applications is May 31, 2013. For more information on mini-grants or educational programs through Farm Bureau, contact Diane Olson, (573) 893-1414 or e-mail at [dolson@mofb.com](mailto:dolson@mofb.com).



Diane Olson conducts workshop.

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## Steam & Gas Engine Show

09/28/12

On September 28, 2012, students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center attended the 2012 "Old-Time Harvest Days" sponsored by The Livingston County Steam & Gas Association held at the Litton Agriculture Campus.



Students could take part in several historical agriculture events such as apple cider making, butter making, hay thrashing, rope making, corn shelling, and many other educational activities. By attending this event, students were able to see how some of the 'simple' things of today did not use to be so simple. The students, as part of the Litton Crusaders program, assisted in some of the various working demonstrations to assist the other youth that were attending the Old-Time Harvest Days.

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## Trapshooting

September 22, 2012

On September 22, 2012, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the area trapshoot held at the Trenton Trap Range and sponsored by the Trenton FFA Chapter. The first place overall team was the Chillicothe team. The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot about competition. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter team included 5 individuals - Orren Beck, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch, Zach Quinn, Kate Ralls, Tony Burtch (volunteer coach), and Sarge Ralls (volunteer coach) that traveled to Trenton. Brandon Bothwell tied for first place individual where his round totals were 47 out of 50. The members of the team are looking forward to more events.

With the help of the Chillicothe School District, school administration, and the Missouri Department of Conservation, the FFA is teaching students the self-discipline and responsibility of shooting sports. The objectives are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Additionally, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The students were required to pass the Missouri Department of Conservation Hunter Education program and attended one of the safety meetings sponsored by the Ag Education Department.

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### **Area Greenhand Initiation**

09/19/12

On September 19, 2012, 71 Greenhands of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Greenhand Initiation Ceremony in Gallatin, Missouri. The Area II officer team, which includes Historian Madi Condron of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, conducted the initiation.







During the initiation the Greenhands listened to the 2012 Area Creed speaker, Bailey Henry - Chillicothe FFA member (seen at left), recite the creed.

They also watched a slide show featuring Area II Greenhands, listened to the National FFA Officer, Alicia Hodnik, speak, and were presented their Greenhand pins.

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## Barnwarming 2012

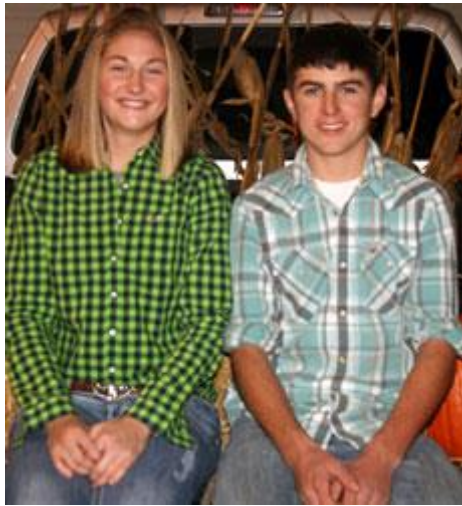
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### Another Great Year for the Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming!



On Saturday, November 3, 2012 the Chillicothe FFA held its annual Barnwarming festivities. These festivities included a dance, games, a hay tunnel, and the coronation ceremony. **This year's 2012 Barnwarming King and Queen are Tucker Jones and Maggie Graves.** The Junior Class, candidates of Maggie Graves (daughter of Jason and Andrea Graves) and Tucker Jones (son of Todd and Christine Jones) raised \$8,521.30 with an average of \$173.90/person; the Senior Class candidates - Caela Ashford (daughter of Jeff and Lori Ashford) and Orren Beck (son of David and Suzi Beck) - raised \$6,125.14 with an average of \$170.14; the Sophomore Class candidates - Carlee Johnson (daughter of Russ and Sheila Thompson) and Zach Quinn (son of Raymond and Robin Quinn) - raised \$4,692.00 with an average of \$126.81; the Freshmen Class candidates - Marissa Surber (daughter of Cory and Stacy Surber) and Nate McKiddy (son of Terry and Ann McKiddy) - raised \$5,821.70 with an average of \$81.99. The chapter raised \$25,160.14 this year for the chapter's operations that average out to \$130.36/member. We would like to thank all the member of the community for the long time support of our organization. **Photo:** *Back L to R* - Orren Beck, Caela Ashford; *Middle L to R* - Zach Quinn, Carlee Johnson, Maggie Graves, Tucker

*Jones; Front L to R* - Marissa Surber, Nate McKiddy



King & Queen - Maggie Graves, Tucker Jones



Line Dancing

### **It is Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming Time Again!**

The Chillicothe FFA has selected its King and Queen candidates for the 2012 Barnwarming. These individuals will lead the charge in the fund raising efforts of the Chillicothe FFA members. The FFA members are now available to do your odd jobs around the house and farm. Give them a call and they will organize a work team to help you in your fall cleanup activities. The class that averages the most money per member will have their candidates crowned King and Queen on November 3, 2012, at the annual Barnwarming Dance.



*Front L to R - Tucker Jones, Maggie Graves  
Middle L to R - Zach Quinn, Carlee Johnson, Nate McKiddy, Marissa Surber  
Back L to R - Orren Beck, Caela Ashford*

The candidates are as follows: **Seniors:** Caela Ashford (daughter of Jeff and Lori Ashford) and Orren Beck (son of David and Suzi Beck); **Juniors:** Maggie Graves (daughter of Jason and Andrea Graves) and Tucker Jones (son of Todd and Christine Jones); **Sophomores:** Carlee Johnson (daughter of Russ and Sheila Thompson) and Zach Quinn (son of Raymond and Robin Quinn); **Freshmen:** Marissa Surber (daughter of Cory and Stacy Surber) and Nate McKiddy (son of Terry and Ann McKiddy). The chapter has set a goal to raise \$19,500 this year for chapter operations. If you have any type of job, please give an FFA member a call or call one of the advisors at the Litton Agriculture Campus at 660-646-3131.

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## Livingston County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Hall of Fame Award

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On Thursday, September 6, 2012, the Livingston County 4-H & FFA Fair Board held their annual meeting. During this meeting the board gave out the Hall of Fame Award. This award is given to individuals who are instrumental in starting the fair board or help in keeping the fair going. These individuals' main agenda is to help students in several different capacities. The award began in 2007.

This year's recipients are Vivian and Alice VanDyke and family and Steve and Fay Hopper. Vivian and Alice VanDyke and family were honored for all of their past and continued support. Alice served as a club leader, assistant club leader, various project leader, and all around volunteer at the fair. Vivian was always an excellent buyer at the sell year after year. Steve and Fay Hopper were honored for all of their past support. Steve and Fay both served as project leaders, volunteered during fair week, trash clean-up, night patrol, and cook shack workers. The time they volunteer at the fair they said was always worth the loss of sleep is all worth it because they were helping kids. These volunteers were always helping kids in hopes they would grow up and give of themselves to make the fair better for the next generation.



Steve Radcliff (Fair board President) Suzi Beck (Steve & Fay's daughter),  
David Beck (Steve & Fay's son-in-law), Ethan Beck (Steve & Fay's grandson)





Steve Radcliff (Fair board President), Alice VanDyke (honoree),  
Linda Drummond (daughter), Audrie Large (daughter)

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### Missouri Farm Bureau Speaker

09/13/12

On September 13, 2012, Garrett Hawkins from the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation came to speak with the students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center.



Mr. Hawkins spoke about the need for students to be advocates for agriculture no matter where their lives take them. Mr. Hawkins said that working with Farm Bureau members to influence public policy is the most rewarding aspect of his job, and likes to share his message with the next generation of agriculturalists.

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### Chautauqua Petting Zoo

September 8-9, 2012

Once again, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sponsored the petting zoo at the Chautauqua in the Park; this will be our 11th year to participate in the Chautauqua. Our FFA Chapter took this opportunity to share information with community

members about agriculture. Approximately 85 members assisted with the petting zoo, which is enjoyable for people of all ages!



The petting zoo contained all sorts of animals such as a calf, puppies, rabbits, pigs, sheep, goats, and horses. To add a little more fun to the Chautauqua experience this year, youth could participate in a fun fact finding scavenger hunt entitled "More Agciting Than Ever"! A question sheet was passed out, and facts were posted around the park. When the scavenger hunt was completed, individuals brought their answers back to the petting zoo and received a piece of candy. They were then entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. This year's winner was Kinlei Boley. Thanks to all of the individuals that participated in the scavenger hunt and came to the Chillicothe FFA Chautauqua Petting Zoo!



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### Woody's Thank You

Woody's Automotive Group of Chillicothe has graciously donated a truck for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter to use throughout the year. This truck will assist our chapter with giving back to the community as well as its members. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter is the largest student organization at Chillicothe High School. The chapter is so successful, in part, due to the support of our great community.



The Chillicothe FFA Chapter has used this truck to provide other services to our community. Chillicothe FFA puts on a petting zoo at the Chautauqua in September. The truck has helped out at the House of Prayer for those activities. During the Christmas season, the FFA Chapter adopts two families through the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program. They also gather food at the December meeting to give to the Salvation Army's food drive. Members also ring the Salvation Army bell. Members visit local nursing homes to speak with the residents and take a flower to brighten up their day during FFA Week. The truck assisted in transportation to these activities. The truck also greatly assists students with their Supervised Agriculture Experience or SAE projects. The truck was taken to several fairs throughout the summer in the state and Midwest. We want to again thank Woody's Automotive Group of Chillicothe for being such an excellent hometown youth supporter.

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## August Meeting

08/29/12

Chillicothe FFA Chapter held their annual the August meeting last Wednesday night, August 29, 2012. The meeting was held at the Litton Agriculture Campus and served as a new member orientation. FFA advisors report that there are 76 new freshmen, of which 62 of the new member attended. There were about 268 FFA members and parents present.



Officers are introducing themselves and welcoming the freshmen and their parents.

Attendees enjoyed the FFA opening ceremonies presented by the Chapter Officers. The group was then broken into two groups, one for parents and one for students. The parents were given an overview of what to expect being an FFA parent. The students group had mixers, games, a skit provided by the Assistant Officer team, and were allowed to ask questions of the officers. Students in the Chillicothe FFA Chapter are from Chillicothe and Southwest.





FFA members are participating in a name mixer.

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### Chillicothe FFA Chapter Officer Retreat

July 30, 2012

On July 30-31, 2012 the Chillicothe FFA Officer teams had their annual officer retreat. This year, it was held at Mozingo Lake in Maryville, Missouri. The retreat focused on activities planning, communication skills, teamwork, and leadership. The officer teams set goals, planned activities for the chapter, worked on team building skills, and had a little fun.



Back L to R: Colby Ruoff, Zach Quinn, Blake Rasmussen, Quinten Lewis, Faith Peters, Jordan Huddleston, Brandon Bothwell; Front L to R: Carlee Johnson, Lizzie McCoy, Bailey Henry, Cyrsten Lollar, Paige Peters, Alicia Kieffer, Brittany Twyman, Elizabeth Warren, Haelee Shady, Lauren Haley

The officer teams also tested their skills at the Mozingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area (MOERA). The MOERA course contained a climbing wall, alpine climbing tower, and a low element course. This course was designed to help groups challenge their team intellectually and physically, as well as build team unity, develop climbing skills, enhance leadership, self esteem, and empowerment.



While there, the students also learned basic techniques of tying climbing knots, belaying skills, climbing safety, and climbing commands. When the work was over, the officers enjoyed swimming at the lake and having some good fun around the camp fire.

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## **Area II Chapter Officer Workshop**

July 30, 2012

On Monday, July 30, 2012, the Missouri Area II Officers held a workshop for chapter officers at the Mervin Jenkins Building at the Livingston County Fair Grounds. The workshop focused on trying to instill a sense of drive and determination that would infect Area II FFA members and push them towards creating and achieving their goals with the "Go For Gold" theme. The workshop consisted of the Area II Officers conducting opening ceremonies then area chapters competed in both a rituals contest, best-dressed, most creative, and Ag Olympics competitions. The rituals contest is to see which officer team can present the official FFA opening ceremonies with the fewest flaws. The best-dressed contest is to see with chapter officer team was dress the best as a team. The most creative was given to the officer team with the most creative attire. The Ag Olympics was which officer team could complete the teamwork activities the most efficiently and quickly. Results of the competitions: Rituals: 1st place Princeton, 2nd place Chillicothe; Creative Dress: 1st place Polo; Best Dressed: 1st place Braymer; Ag Olympics: 1st place Polo. The workshop sessions were personalized to their respective offices, challenging chapter officers to think outside the box and push the envelope as a new year starts for their chapter. The Area II officers planned and conducted the event. The officers want to thank all those who attended the judges for the rituals contest, and Hy-Vee for providing the day's meal. Continue to go for gold Area II!



Picture Back L to R - Faith Peters, Tanner Jones, Quinten Lewis, Brandon Bothwell, Jordan Huddleston, Blake Rasmussen  
Front L to R - Madi Condron, Alicia Kieffer, Cyrsten Lollar, Lizzie McCoy, Elizabeth Warren, Paige Peters

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## Washington Leadership Conference

July 10-15, 2012

Washington D.C. - Caela Ashford, Brandon Bothwell, Taylor Daly, Jordan Huddleston, Bridgett Kieffer, Cyrsten Lollar, Lizzie McCoy, and Blake Rasmussen of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the 2012 Washington Leadership Conference on July 10-15, 2012 in the nation's capital. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education. Each year, FFA members from all over the United States travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). During the five-day event, attendees learn how to become effective leaders by teaching them to know their purpose, value people, take action, and serve others. They leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community, and their country.

WLC's 2012 curriculum is built on four pillars of leadership: self-awareness, diversity, advocacy and service. These four pillars of leadership also correlate to the four-stage model of personal development, the Me-We-Do-Serve model, Mumaw adds. This summer, more than 2300 FFA members will attend one of the conference's seven week-long sessions. Students also increase their understanding of the nation's heritage with visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Memorials, Holocaust Museum, Old Town Alexander, White House, Washington Monument, Smithsonian, and other historic sights in Washington, D.C.

The five members from Chillicothe had sponsorship from the following organizations, Jerry Litton Family Foundation, Chillicothe Young Agri-Leaders, Trans Ova Genetics, American Family Insurance-Janet McCauslin agent, Chillicothe FFA Alumni, DQ Precision Planting - George & Marta Quinn, Monsanto, Dan & Wilma Graham United Country Real Estate, and MO FFA Alumni Association. The group would like to thank these sponsors for their help with the trip.





Front L to R Brandon Bothwell, Blake Rasmussen, Jordan Huddleston; Back L to R: Taylor Daly, Caela Ashford, Bridgett Kieffer, Lizzie McCoy, not pictured  
Cyrsten Lollar

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### **National Purebred Show**

June 26-30, 2012

Six local FFA and 4-H members attended the National Team Purebred Show in Springfield Illinois, June 26th through the 30th. Students exhibited swine, participated in judging contest and other contests throughout the week.



The students attending were: Quentin Lewis, Jordan Hall, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Kaylee Lewis, and Trent Putnam.

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### **Area II Sports Day**

June 20, 2012

On June 20, 2012, the Chillicothe FFA participated in the Area II FFA Sports Day in Trenton, Missouri. This softball tournament represents a reward for members as well as a time for fellowship. There were approximately 80 area members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



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### **State FFA Leadership Camp Rising Sun**

June 22 - June 24, 2012

Kaiser, MO - Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Zach Quinn, and Colby Ruoff members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Inaugural Hymax Academy from June 22 - June 24, 2012.



The camp sponsored by the Missouri FFA Association was held at Camp Rising Sun located within the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The institute provided extensive leadership training for over 70 high school students who are members of FFA across Missouri every year. The high school students were selected out of many applicants to attend this specialized academy. They were trained by MO State FFA Officers as well as past MO State FFA Officers, Agricultural Educators, and MO FFA State Staff. Students learn how to overcome obstacles and develop their communication and personal skills.

The National FFA Organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Nationally there are over 500,000 FFA members. Missouri ranks 4th in the nation with over 24,000 FFA members.

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## June Meeting

June 12, 2012

On June 12, 2012 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter members met for their June meeting. The meeting was held at the Litton Agriculture Campus. During the meeting, Greg Pitchford from the Department of Conservation spoke about the mission of conservation and useful tips to a successful fishing trip. The 60 members in attendance also participated in team building softball, canoe races, and fishing.



**CAPTION:** Greg Pitchford gives an informational presentation to the members in attendance at the June meeting.

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## Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy

June 5-6, 2012

Sixty-three FFA members from across the state participated in the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy held June 5, 6, on the university of Central Missouri campus. The Academy made it possible for FFA members to benefit from the professional staff at University of Central Missouri.

During the three-day event, FFA members used the Internet and other communication technology to develop and refine an effective speech. Dr. Terry Cunconan, Dr. Wendy Geiger, Dr. Sam Cox and graduate students from the University's Speech Communication Department conducted the three days of intense learning. The academy was designed to help FFA members increase their confidence, develop organizational skills, use language effectively, analyze audiences and improve speaking skills by judging themselves honestly and critically while keeping a positive attitude. Each student presented his or her speech in competition at the conclusion of the academy.

Assisting with the three-day conference were State FFA Officers Jaelyn Bergmann, State FFA President from the Paris FFA Chapter; Samantha Gibson, Area 2 State Vice President from the Norborne FFA Chapter; Allyson Smith, Area 7 State Vice President from the Crest Ridge FFA Chapter; Mallary Burriss, Area 13 State Vice President from the Bakersfield FFA Chapter. The Conference Manager for the academy is Kathy Harlan, Guidance Counselor at Salisbury High School.





Pictured - Front L to R - Samantha Gibson, Area 2 State Vice President from the Norborne FFA Chapter; Jaelyn Bergmann, State FFA President from the Paris FFA Chapter; Allyson Smith, Area 7 State Vice President from the Crest Ridge FFA Chapter; Back L to R - Lizzie McCoy Chillicothe FFA, Lauren Haley Chillicothe FFA

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## Missouri Summer Meats Institute

June 4, 2012



On June 4, 2012, the Litton Agriculture Education Center was host to the University of Missouri Summer Meats Institute. The instructors of the institute were Rusty Black of Chillicothe and Bryan Williams of Princeton. The course hosted 30 other ag teachers from across the state who were interested in increasing their knowledge base about the teaching of a meats course or expanding their knowledge of the agriculture meats contest team. The students had a portion of classroom time and a portion of lab time. This institute was to teach physical characteristics of carcasses and cuts as determinants of meat quality, as well as carcass identification and grading to facilitate descriptions and definitions of quality and cutability in meat animal products.

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## LEAD Conference

May 31, 2012

On May 31, 2012, the Chapter and Assistant officers from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the MO FFA LEAD Conference on the NCMC Campus in Trenton, Missouri. The conference was sponsored by the FFA Leadership Fund. The Learn, Educate, Advance Develop (LEAD) conference brings officers and their advisors together as they start off a new year as a new officer team. The officers identified specific values and traits he or she brings to the team, assessed which roles he or she can effectively play within their team, and utilized strategies to resolve potential team conflicts.



**Back Row L to R:** Madi Condron, Paige Peters, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jordan Huddleston, Brandon Bothwell, Faith Peters, Colby Ruoff; **Front Row L to R:** Lauren Haley, Hailey Seeley, Bailey Henry, Haelee Shady, Jozie Reeter, Alicia Kieffer, Elizabeth Warren, Brittany Twyman, Carlee Johnson

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## MFA Presents Check for Home Grown Program

May 29, 2012

On May 29, 2012, the MFA Agri-Services of Chillicothe presented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter with a check for \$518 as part of the 2011 Home Grown Program. The Home Grown Program is *sponsored by Red Brand Fencing*. Home Grown runs from January 1 through December 31 and applies to all new orders of Red Brand field fence, sheep and goat fence, barbed wire, and horse fence, placed by the dealer. For every new order placed, \$1.00 per every roll is donated to the local FFA chapter in the dealer's name.



Red Brand is proud to have partnered with over 600 ag dealers nationwide in support of 800+ local FFA chapters to help make this year the best ever. Red Brand wants to continue the tradition of excellence partnership with the FFA that has

been built over the past 64 years. With this funding initiative, it is Red Brand's goal to make a lasting difference for generations by supporting programs and activities that directly affect the lives of our future ag leaders. Thank you MFA Agri-Services of Chillicothe for your continued support of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter and the youth of Livingston County.

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## **Pig Show Extravaganza**

May 19 and 20, 2012

On May 19 and 20, 2012, the Livingston County 4-H & FFA Fairgrounds - Jenkins Expo Building hosted three swine shows and two lamb shows. There were approximately 540 head of hogs shown during the two-day event and 200 head of lambs. On Saturday morning, the North Central Missouri Show Pig Bonanza was sponsored by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni with 285 head of hogs at this show. The sponsors of this show were American Family-Janet McCauslin, Barnes Baker Motors, BTC Bank, Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, Chillicothe State Bank, Croy Show Pigs, Davis Livestock, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Grand River Technical School, Hoffman-Reed Inc., Hutchinson & Co., J.R. Reid Show Pigs, Martin Show Pigs, MFA Agri-Service, Simms Show Pigs, T & R Soil Service, Trans Ova Genetics, Williams Farms, Wolf Brothers, and Wolf Farms.



The results of the show were Supreme Gilt went to Mackenzie Mawson, Reserve Supreme Gilt went to Cole Murphy, Supreme Barrow went to Troy Sloan, and Reserve Supreme Barrow went to Mackenzie Mawson. Showmanship results are Champion Novice Showmanship went to Annie Robinson, Reserve Novice Showmanship went to Drew Jacobson, Runner-up Novice Showmanship went to Alexis Keeling, Champion Junior Showmanship went to Katelyn Robinson, Reserve Junior Showmanship went to Jarret Fearing, Runner-up Junior Showmanship went to Cole Murphy, Champion Intermediate Showmanship went to Tori Hinton, Reserve Intermediate Showmanship went to Will Robinson, Runner-up Intermediate Showmanship went to Tyler Jenkins, Champion Senior Showmanship went to Bailey Pope, and Reserve Senior Showmanship went to Morgan Fuehring, and Runner-up Senior Showmanship went to Kyle Fuehring.

The two swine shows held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 were sponsored by the Missouri Youth Swine Supporters with about 255 head of swine. The two lamb shows - Missouri Club Lamb Futurity and Youth Lamb Show - held on May 19, 2012 were hosted by the Missouri Lamb Breeders Associations. The first show was sponsored by T & R Soil Services of Chillicothe and Honor Show Chow.

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## **Baptist Home Petting Zoo**

May 14, 2012





Students from the Ag Business Communication class at the Litton Agriculture Education Center were having a hands-on experience at the Baptist Home of Chillicothe on May 14, 2012. The students brought in a bucket calf, baby pigs, and lambs to the residents to help brighten their day a little bit. While at the Baptist Home, the students got to visit with the residents as well as get a few history lessons.